

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1 **Claim 1 (Currently Amended):** A method of automatically finding
2 and organizing items similar to example items provided by a user in a computer
3 system, said method comprising:
4 providing related, not related, and suggestions group areas for an
5 organization instance, each of these group areas to contain one or more items;
6 receiving at least one example item for said organization instance provided by
7 a user, said at least one example item being placed in said related group area;
8 searching a database to locate at least one item which is related to at least
9 one item in said related group area based on a predetermined criterion, and placing
10 located items in said suggestions group area;
11 modifying said predetermined criterion based on at least one of the user
12 providing at least one additional example item and the user moving an item from one
13 of said group areas to another of said group areas; and
14 continually searching said database to locate and place additional items in
15 said suggestions group area which are related to said at least one item in said
16 related group area based upon said modified predetermined criterion.

1 **Claim 2 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein said predetermined criterion comprises assigning a normalized relevance
3 score for each item based on each item's relevance to said at least one item in said
4 related group area and wherein located items having a relevance score greater than
5 a predetermined threshold are placed in said suggestions group area.

1 **Claim 3 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 1,
2 further comprising providing a user interface including visual representations of said
3 related, not related, and suggestions group areas, each visual representation of an
4 area including a visual representation of items contained therein.

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1 **Claim 4 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 3,
2 wherein said user selectively moves an item from one group area to another group
3 area via said user interface by moving a visual representation of the item from a
4 visual representation of said one group area to a visual representation of said
5 another group area.

1 **Claim 5 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 4,
2 wherein said user interface comprises a graphical user interface and said visual
3 representations of said group areas each comprises a pane on a display.

1 **Claim 6 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 5,
2 wherein said user selectively moves an item from one group area to another group

3 area via said user interface by dragging a visual representation of the item from a
4 pane of said one group area to a pane of said another group area.

1 **Claim 7 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein each of said items indicates one of a file, an email, and a mail item such as
3 a task, a note, contact information and a web page.

1 **Claim 8 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 1,
2 further comprising providing related, not related, and suggestions group areas for at
3 least another organization instance and further comprising modifying said
4 predetermined criterion based on the user moving an item from said related group
5 area of said another organization instance to said not related group area of said
6 organization instance or from said not related group area of said another
7 organization instance to said related group area of said organization instance or from
8 said suggestions group area of said another organization instance to said related or
9 not related group areas of said organization instance.

1 **Claim 9 (Previously Amended):** A storage medium to store a
2 computer program for automatically finding and organizing items similar to example
3 items that, when executed by a machine, resulting in the following:

4 providing related, not related, and suggestions group areas for an
5 organization instance, each of these areas to contain items;

6 receiving at least one example item for said organization instance provided by
7 a user, said at least one example item being placed in said related group area;

8 searching a database to locate at least one item which is related to at least
9 one item in said related group area based on a predetermined criterion, and placing
10 located items in said suggestions group area;

11 modifying said predetermined criterion based on at least one of the user
12 providing at least one additional example item and the user moving an item from one
13 of said group areas to another of said group areas; and

14 continually searching said database to locate and place additional items in
15 said suggestions group area which are related to said at least one item in said
16 related group area based upon said modified predetermined criterion.

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1 **Claim 10 (Previously Amended):** The storage medium as claimed in
2 claim 9, wherein said predetermined criterion comprises assigning a normalized
3 relevance score for each item based on each item's relevance to said at least one
4 item in said related group area and wherein located items having a relevance score
5 greater than a predetermined threshold are placed in said suggestions group area.

1 **Claim 11 (Previously Amended):** The storage medium as claimed in
2 claim 9, further comprising providing a user interface including visual representations
3 of said related, not related, and suggestions group areas, each visual representation
4 of an area including a visual representation of items contained therein.

1 **Claim 12 (Previously Amended):** The storage medium as claimed in
2 claim 11, wherein said user selectively moves an item from one group area to
3 another group area via said user interface by moving a visual representation of the
4 item from a visual representation of said one group area to a visual representation of
5 said another group area.

1 **Claim 13 (Previously Amended):** The storage medium as claimed in
2 claim 12, wherein said user interface comprises a graphical user interface and said
3 visual representations of said group areas each comprises a pane on a display.

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1 **Claim 14 (Previously Amended):** The storage medium as claimed in
2 claim 13, wherein said user selectively moves an item from one group area to
3 another group area via said user interface by dragging a visual representation of the
4 item from a pane of said one group area to a pane of said another group area.

1 **Claim 15 (Previously Amended):** The storage medium as claimed in
2 claim 9, wherein each of said items indicates one of a file, an email, and a mail item
3 such as a task, a note, contact information and a web page.

1 **Claim 16 (Previously Amended):** The storage medium as claimed in
2 claim 9, further comprising providing related, not related, and suggestions group
3 areas for at least another organization instance and further comprising modifying
4 said predetermined criterion based on the user moving an item from said related

5 group area of said another organization instance to said not related group area of
6 said organization instance or from said not related group area of said another
7 organization instance to said related group area of said organization instance or from
8 said suggestions group area of said another organization instance to said related or
9 not related group areas of said organization instance.

1 **Claim 17 (Previously Amended):** A method of automatically finding
2 and organizing items similar to example items provided by a user in a computer
3 system, comprising:

4 providing related, not related, and suggestions group areas for an
5 organization instance, each of these areas to contain items;

6 receiving at least one example item for said organization instance provided by
7 a user, said at least one example item being placed in said related group area of
8 said organization instance;

9 searching a database to locate at least one item which is related to at least
10 one item in said related group area based on a predetermined criterion and placing
11 said located at least one item in said suggestions group area of said organization
12 instance, wherein said predetermined criterion comprises assigning a normalized
13 relevance score for each item based on each item's relevance to said at least one
14 item in said related group area and wherein located items having a relevance score
15 greater than a predetermined threshold are placed in said suggestions group area;

16 modifying said predetermined criterion based on at least one of the user
17 providing at least one additional example item and the user moving an item from one

18 of said group areas to another of said group areas and the user moving an item
19 from a related, not related or suggestions group area of another organization
20 instance to one group area of said organization instance; and
21 continually searching said database to locate and place additional items in
22 said suggestions group area of said organization instance which are related to said
23 at least one item in said related group area based upon said modified predetermined
24 criterion.

1 **Claim 18 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 17,
2 further comprising providing a user interface including visual representations of said
3 related, not related, and suggestions group areas, each visual representation of an
4 area including a visual representation of items contained therein.

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1 **Claim 19 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 18,
2 wherein said user selectively moves an item from one group area to another group
3 area via said user interface by moving a visual representation of the item from a
4 visual representation of said one group area to a visual representation of said
5 another group area.

1 **Claim 20 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 19,
2 wherein said user interface comprises a graphical user interface and said visual
3 representations of said group areas each comprises a pane on a display.

1 **Claim 21 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 20,
2 wherein said user selectively moves an item from one group area to another group
3 area via said user interface by dragging a visual representation of the item from a
4 pane of said one group area to a pane of said another group area.

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1 **Claim 22 (Previously Amended):** The method as claimed in claim 18,
2 wherein each of said items indicates one of a file, an email, and a mail item such as
3 a task, a note, contact information and a web page.
